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Head Teacher: Mr M. Mountcastle

Dear Parents/Carers of Children in Year 4/5 Mrs Atherton

As you are aware Mrs Atherton is a valued member of the senior leadership team at school and assistant headteacher alongside Mr Smith. As a result she is released a day per week to cover management duties. During her day out of class the children have been taught art, design and food with Mrs Karran and dance/gym with Miss Morrison. As always I have closely monitored this situation and I believe the children are having a very successful year.

This half term we have to make some enforced changes and I wanted to share with you. Mrs Butler is pregnant and will begin maternity leave soon and we need a senior teacher to pick up her role of SENCO while she is away. As a school we have looked at a number of solutions, however Mrs Atherton filling this role is the only realistic option.

As a result Mrs Atherton will need an extra day out of class, meaning she will be out on Thursday and Friday. To minimise disruption Mrs Jackson, a very experienced teacher, will be returning from maternity leave and will teach the class on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Atherton will continue to lead with the bulk of English and maths, teaching all number and literacy and writing, while Mrs Jackson will teach shape, space and measures and comprehension and grammar. In real terms, as we have assembly on a Friday afternoon, it only equates to an extra half day per week.

The progress, attainment and happiness of the children in the class are my utmost priority, regardless of the management and leadership issues we face. Therefore I assure you that we will continue to monitor the class very closely and I give personal assurances that the disruption will be minimal and if the impact is too great, we will have to revert to another plan.

I understand this may cause some questions and as always, our doors are open and I welcome your comments. Please feel free to come and see me if you would like to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely
M Mountcastle



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